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SUBJ: RTG PROPOSES SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR DEFENSE
PURPOSES

1. FOR FIRST TIME IN RECENT YEARS RTG HAS DECIDED
SEEK SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET MAINLY FOR DEFENSE PURPOSES.
IN JUSTIFYING REQUEST TO PARLIAMENT MAY 10 FOR 430 MILLION
BAHT ADDITION TO FY 1973 BUDGET PRIME MINISTER THANOM
SAID SITUATION IN NEIGHBORING CAMBODIA AND LAOS WAS
DANGEROUS AND THAILAND HAD TO TAKE MEASURES TO PROTECT
ITSELF. MONEY WOULD BE USED AS FURTHER INCREMENT IN
RAMKHAMHAENG LONG RANGE DEFENSE MODERNIZATION PLAN. HE
SAID INCREASED REVENUE OF 533 MILLION BAHT ABOVE TARGET
SO FAR THIS FISCAL YEAR MADE SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST POSSIBLE.
2. REQUEST DIVIDED INTO 3 PARTS: A) 290 MILLION BAHT
ALLOCATED TO MINISTRY OF DEVENSE WITH NO FURTHER BREAKDOWN
PROVIDED: B) 70 MILLION BAHT FOR CSOC TO PAY
ALLOWANCES FOR ANTI- COMMUNIST PERSONNEL; C) 30 MILLION
BAHT IN MEDICAL FUNDS FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS; AND D) 40
MILLION BAHT THROUGH CENTRAL FUND ALSO FOR DEFENSE PURPOSES.
3. BUDGET REQUEST REFERRED TO PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE
TO REPORT BACK IN 15 DAYS.

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